

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1624 - HB 1460

April 5, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires any branch of state government, or any agency, board, or commission that wants to hire outside private-sector consultants, to clearly demonstrate that such governmental entity attempted to use the services of publicly-supported state university faculty and staff and that the services were otherwise unavailable.
- Requires the following to be provided in each case involving outside consulting services: evidence of circulating requests for proposals or requests for services to each of the major educational institutions; and evidence of directly contacting faculty and research centers and divisions.
- Requires each state department to develop and maintain a bidder's list of interested faculty, staff, and research centers from each major public institution of higher education in this state.
- Requires each department to submit an annual report on consulting services that identifies the number of consulting contracts, the dollar value of such contracts, the nature of the service provided, and actions being taken to involve and support public higher education institutions throughout the state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes to the extent the removal or lack of private-sector competition drives up the average cost of proposals, this bill could increase the cost of personal, professional consultant contracts. The increase cannot be reasonably determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director